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Chair Moller, Committee Members, and Representative Stephenson,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony to the House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee. My name is Glenn McElfresh and I am a co-founder of Plift, a hemp-derived beverage company.

If the current version of HF100 passes without significant changes, on July 1, 2023, I would be a criminal under Minnesota law.

HF100 requires businesses who wish to sell or manufacture THC beverages to have a license issued by the Office of Cannabis Management. Businesses who sell these products without a license can be found guilty of a misdemeanor or a felony depending on how much they sell. The Office of Cannabis Management is a senate-confirmed position so we do not know when the licenses will be issued. Hundreds of Minnesota businesses including mine will shut our doors because we do not want to be criminals. We are responsible individuals who want nothing more than to grow our businesses and provide for our employees, communities, and families.

Please explicitly allow for THC beverages to continue by exempting licensure requirements for low-dose THC beverages until 2024 or there is a safe path for businesses like mine to exist.

Thank you very much,

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